



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## THE RESURRECTION

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*"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept," 1 Cor. 15:20.*

Almost two thousands years ago, as the light was breaking around the walls of Jerusalem, there was great excitement in a little garden just outside the city. Some soldiers were guarding a grave and strange things occurred. It seems that the soldiers had fallen asleep. This of course was ordered by the Lord. An angel descended from heaven, broke the Roman seal, and rolled the stone away. Jesus, the Crucified One, came forth.

There were many sad hearts in and around the City of Jerusalem on account of the cruel crucifixion that had taken place on Friday before. No doubt the apostles and followers of Jesus had sat around their tents at home and talked about the cruel way they had treated our Savior, and with broken hearts they mourned over His death. Occasionally some one would say, "But he said He would rise again." Then their sad hearts would think that "One who raised the dead, could He not have saved Himself? Could He not have driven back His persecutors and crucifiers, and caused them to be stricken down? But we remember the words He said to Pilate, 'For this cause came I into the world. For this cause was I born.'" It seems that their sad hearts could not bridge the chasm, grasp the great thought, and more fully

understand the real meaning of His death?

There was a group of faithful women who decided to prepare some sweet spices and take them to His tomb on the morning after the Sabbath and anoint His body. This was the only act of kindness that was left for them to do. As they walked toward the tomb at the break of day, one of them said, "Who shall roll us away the stone?" They remembered that the Romans had sealed the tomb and left soldiers to guard it. They knew the soldiers would not roll away the stone for they were hired to guard the tomb and see that the seal was not broken. When they reached the tomb, to their surprise, the stone had been rolled away. On examining the tomb, they found that Jesus was not there. The linen cloths were folded in a place to themselves and the napkin that was about His chin had been taken off and laid aside. An angel said unto them, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Their grief-stricken hearts almost burst with wonder and amazement. Two of them hurried back to tell the disciples but Mary lingered at the tomb. She met someone whom she supposed to be the gardener and she said unto him, "Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will

take him away." Jesus said unto her, "Mary," and she turned herself and said unto Him, "Rabboni," which is to say, "Master."

When they had returned and made their report the disciples could hardly believe them; they thought it was as an idle tale, but Peter and John ran together. John outran Peter and went into the sepulchre and found that Jesus was not there. That same day two of the company went to Emmaus and as they walked by the way Jesus appeared unto them. As they conversed about the happenings, Jesus reasoned with them out of the Scriptures quoting many passages showing that it was right for the Son of man to be crucified. As the evening drew near they constrained Him to stop with them for the night, and as they broke bread at the evening meal their eyes were opened and they beheld Jesus. They returned to Jerusalem and told the other disciples that they had seen the Lord.

All over western lands from ocean to ocean, on mountain top and in valley, the people had gathered at Jerusalem for this great feast day. Thousands of them witnessed the crucifixion. They heard the details of the trials over and over again. It was the talk of all the companies round about Jerusalem. The priest told the story of how the lamb escaped dur-

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## Notices

To whom it may concern, my address has changed from 407 N. Dawson St. to 517 N. Dawson St.—E. W. Salmon, clerk, Raleigh, N. C.

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The Church of God at Sylacauga, Ala. has appointed another clerk as our former one, Auther L. Kerr, has moved away. The newly appointed one is Talton B. Wesson, Rt. 1, Sylacauga, Ala.—W. M. Wood, pastor, Box 644, Sylacauga, Ala.

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There will be a building rally at Lancaster, S. C. Sunday afternoon, March 28, at 2:00 p. m. Everybody invited. Bring an offering to help build a church here. Special music and singing, also preaching.—J. W. Hannah, pastor, Box 303, Great Falls, S. C.

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This is to notify all church members on this district that our district convention will convene the last Friday night of April until May 2. We are expecting all preachers and laity to be sure to be here. Bring a well-filled basket on Sunday and also ten cents for aged ministers' fund and an offering for the state overseer. We are expecting preachers from other parts of the state and out-of-state preachers.—A. S. Eason, district pastor, Murphy, Okla.

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The district convention will begin Friday night, April 9, and continue until Sunday, at Rebecca church in North Alabama. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. We are expecting our state overseer, Brother G. C. Dunn, and many other good preachers and singers. Saints everywhere, pray that the convention will be a success and many souls will be blessed.—Velma White, Rt. 2, Loretto, Tenn.

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On account of bad weather in February the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E.'s in North Carolina did not make any increase over January so please work and send your reports on Monday after the last Sunday in this month.—G. C. Hamby.

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The Laurens district meeting of the Y. P. E. will be held at the Church of God in Clinton, S. C., Sunday afternoon, March 28.—E. N. Powell, president of Y. P. E. of Clinton, S. C. Church of God.

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The Manatee district Sunday School convention will convene at Manatee on Sunday afternoon 2:15, April 25, the last

Sunday in April. We want every Sunday School present with a large representation of members. A report from each Sunday School will not be necessary since the district superintendent has all your reports up to date. Work hard to be in the lead for the district reports will show you up. Those having part on the program will be notified. Pastors, see that your Sunday School is at the convention before starting time, 2:15 p. m. This will help to make an orderly convention. We must work if we succeed!—D. C. Barnes, district Sunday School superintendent.

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The Dyersburg-Memphis district convention starts Friday, 7:00 p. m. There will be no service Saturday. The convention closes Sunday afternoon. — J. B. Cole.

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As I want to know the whereabouts of my brother G. C. Harris, I would be glad to know if he is still living or not and would appreciate it very much if anyone who knows of his whereabouts will let me know. The last I heard from him he was in Louisiana. He went from place to place. He is around seventy-four years old.—Mrs. M. A. Sanders, Rt. 1, Box 59, Kennedy, Ala.

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We are now in a revival here with Brother T. M. White as evangelist. He and his ladies quartet certainly make a fine evangelistic party. Brother White is certainly doing some real Church of God preaching. His messages are stirring and to the point. The girls' singing is as good as any church would desire. Their songs are soul stirring. The interest is steadily growing. We are looking forward to a great revival here and it is badly needed. Any church that wants a revival will do well to secure this party. Address, T. M. White, Gen. Del., c/o, Big Springs, Tex. More permanent address, Jal, N. Mex. Please pray for the Big Spring church.—C. H. Mason, pastor.

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To whom it may concern: The Davisboro and Statesboro district conventions will be together and will convene at Long Branch, ten miles from Millen, on the Savannah road, April 9-11, Brother J. C. Jernigan in charge. Everybody welcome. Come with a well-filled basket. Several speakers and singers will be present with music.—J. B. Conner, district overseer, Rocky Ford, Ga.

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There will be a Church of God Y. P. E. convention on April 4 at Macclenny, Fla. We invite every Church of God on the Jacksonville district to co-operate with us on this occasion. All the young people come and bring your stringed in-

struments, also special songs. There will be some able speakers to instruct and inspire our souls throughout the day. We will be looking for you. Come prayed up and enjoy the presence of the Lord.—D. W. Mills, district Y. P. E. president.

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This is to notify all members of this church who have not reported in some time, that if you want to stay on our roll, please report your spiritual condition to this church by next conference as some have not reported in four or five years. We don't want to exclude anyone who is trying to go on with the Lord. Please send your ten cents a member for aged ministers with your report as authorized by the General Assembly.—A. S. Eason, district overseer, Murphy, Okla.

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The Charleston, Miss. district convention will convene at the Stonefield church April 16-18. Brother M. J. Headley, state overseer, will be with us. We want all pastors to be there with a good representation from each church. We are expecting a good convention. Everybody is invited and welcome. Be sure to pray that God will bless and move on the hearts of every one to come with a good mission offering. There will be dinner on the ground Sunday. Bring your baskets well-filled and enjoy yourself. We are looking for you. Pray, pray.—B. L. Roberts, district overseer, Cascilla, Miss.

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The Branford district convention will convene at Alton, Fla., April 9-11 with our state overseer in charge. We invite all neighboring churches of the district to attend. We expect all the churches on the district to have a large delegation there from their church, especially all the officials of the churches. For this convention to be a success, it will mean co-operation from each church. Dinner will be spread the 11th at the church. Everybody bring a well-filled basket.—H. R. Corley, district overseer, Branford, Fla.

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WANTED: I am to evangelize in Mississippi this season and am in need of a tent in which to introduce God's truths in towns and cities. Many in Mississippi have never had a holiness revival. If you too, feel the responsibility and missionary need enough to trust God's messenger of good reference, I want to buy a tent on payment terms. Prefer size 40x60 or larger. State condition and reply immediately.—Evangelist Leon Jones, N. Fairground St., Winona, Miss.

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The Scottsboro district convention will convene at Letcher, Ala. on Friday night before the third Sunday in April. Everybody welcome. Brother G. C. Dunn, state overseer, will be in charge.—H. M. Nance, district pastor.

# Yea Rather

BY D. L. LEMONS

*"It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again," Rom. 8:34.*

Today when modernists are placing Christ and His teachings on an equal basis with other outstanding teachers and philosophers of the ages, there arises this question, If Christ is equal with others, why is the Book that contains His story different from all others? Why are His teachings transforming the lives of thousands and why is His Church rapidly growing in the face of adversity? Why and how can Christ's gospel supersede all else if there is not a basic difference?

Students are comparing the life, work, and influence of Christ with that of others. Hammurabi, Plato, Confucius, Mohammed, and others, made a mark of lasting impression in the world. We do not seek to minify any noble principle they may have set forth. But we protest when their names are linked with that of our Christ.

Do you again ask, Why the difference? We find the answer introduced by the words "yea rather." Oh, it seems upon reading the above passage from the inspired text that the words "yea rather" are like a floodgate that opens up into the souls of the adherents a sluice of God-given life flow that surges on into the perfection of the eternal.

A newspaper editor upon completing a world tour and observing various religions, said, "All religions of the world are dead and they died when their founder died, but Christianity is alive and it is alive because its founder is alive." Praise be to Him who died, YEA RATHER to Him who is alive forevermore.

## IT IS CHRIST THAT DIED

Had the story of the Galilean carpenter ended with the tragedy of the cross, His name probably would not have risen above that of other noteworthy ones. The picture of the cross apparently climaxed a life of defeat. The masses had long since left off following and Jesus pathetically said to the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" One bosom companion had turned traitor, His staunchest supporter had denied Him, and the others had shrunk back into the shadows. A few disciples with several women (among whom was Mary the mother of Jesus) stood near to gaze and grieve at the sight of the supreme sacrifice. Suspended on a rugged cross, tortured by pangs of torn flesh in hands and feet and thorn-pierced brow and laden with your sins and mine, He featured as the central figure in a Roman crucifixion. As literal

and spiritual darkness canopied the scene, this was to God the price of redemption for a lost people; to the disciples it was blasted hope; to the wicked Jews it was vengeance; to the Satanic host it was fiendish victory; but to an unknowing world it all spelled defeat.

There our Christ, our Lord, our Savior, our King died, yes, He died even as other founders of religions have died. All look back to the death of their founder with a degree of solemnity and reverence, and we Christians often commemorate our Lord's death in observing the sacred supper which He instituted and the deepest affections are brought into play in response to the unsurpassed love that was manifest on Calvary. Yes, we revere, we honor, we respect, and we glory in the death of our founder, BUT RATHER in that He rose again.

## YEA RATHER, THAT IS RISEN AGAIN

The comparative degree "rather" takes us beyond the gloom, shadows, despondency, and sadness of the cross. The cross does not end the story of Christ. YEA RATHER brings us to Easter morning when Jesus could no longer be holden by the powers of death for He had subsequently won the victory over death, hell, and the grave. Many of the bodies of the saints which slept had arisen and been seen in the streets of Jerusalem. The angels at the tomb had proclaimed, "He is not here, He is risen." Mary had seen Him alive. Many afterwards witnessed Him.

The dawn of that morn was the bringing forth of a better hope attested by Christ's death and resurrection, a rejuvenation of the hope that had been placed in the hearts of Christ's disciples, not a hope of a temporal kingdom but of a spiritual one, propelled by a dispensation of grace and governed by the law of love.

Without Christ's resurrection our religion would be in vain as is every religion whose founder is dead. We would yet be in our sins. We would die without hope as do the beasts of the fields. Without the hope of the resurrection we might as well join the pleasure-seeking Epicureans and eat and drink today for tomorrow we die. Christ's resurrection establishes a hope for all the saints, who have died in the faith by becoming the first fruits of them who sleep. The resurrection of Christ effected a provision that brought into the lives of the believers the quickening power of the gospel with all of its fervor and zeal to communicate

to a needy world the word of reconciliation.

Grasp the scope the gospel has reached which first was preached by a few ignorant fishermen. The growth of civilization is in debt to the principles set forth by Christ, Churches, schools, and charitable institutions are founded for His glory. Freedom and liberty are planks of His platform. Thousands have acknowledged Him as their Savior and other thousands in the darkness of heathenism and modernism plead to hear the full story, not of a man who is dead and whose tomb is a memorial, but of One who is alive and whose tomb is an uncertainty.

In a convention a few years ago I heard a minister tell of his visit to Jerusalem and his tour to the tombs where the Lord was supposed to have been laid. There were some three or four and at each one there were those who vowed that it was the place of the Lord's burial. Then he came to the last one and as he waited he meditated thus, "How can I know where my Lord really lay?" The thought came, "What difference does it make so long as I know they are EVERY ONE EMPTY?"

*"It is Christ that died, yea rather that he is risen again."*

## REQUESTS

Pray a special prayer for my boys' eyes to be healed and his soul saved. Pray for me to be strong and for our church here.—Pearl McCaughan, Equality, Ill.

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Please pray for the little band at Funn's Branch. We surely need your prayers. Pray that I may get closer to God and live true and humble. Pray for my body and eyes to be healed and pray for my unsaved children to be saved.—Judie Pearson, Gainesboro, Tenn., Rt. 4.

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Please pray for God to heal my body.—Ally Hall, 501 E. Swanee St., Fitzgerald, Ga.

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Pray earnestly for the healing of my body. I have an enlarged heart and an inward goitre and high blood pressure.—Mrs. Luvisa Williams, 903 Grand St., Benton, Ill.

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We have a little boy who is very sick with pneumonia. Please pray a special prayer for his healing. We almost lost him this morning.—Howard D. Statum, Petersburg, W. Va.

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Dear friends, please help me get out of trouble. Pray that God will heal my body and help me get a home close to the Church of God.—Bethel Maynard, Rt. 1, Baxter, Tenn.



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## Editorials

### THE RESURRECTION

Psa. 16:9, 10, "Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither will thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

David here refers to the resurrection of Christ and the Hebrew word here for hell is the same as the Greek word that is used by Peter in 1 Peter 3:19 where Jesus went and preached to the spirits in prison. The Psalmist beholding His deliverance and the deliverance He brought to the captives or antediluvians, is praising the Lord for the hope of the resurrection. In Psa. 17:15 He said, As for me, I will behold his face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." Here David refers again to the resurrection and has hope that he will see Him.

Hos. 13:14, "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." Here Hosea the prophet is prophesying concerning the resurrection and his expressions prove that he had the victory over the grave and was established in the hopes of the resurrection. Christ in His glorious resurrection destroyed the fear of the grave and brought forth those who died in the faith.

Matt. 24:31, "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matthew is writing concerning the resurrection, telling how Jesus will gather His saints, not only from the grave but from all over the earth. Yes, there will be a time when every child of God who has met the conditions and has that that will give him a part in the resurrection, will come forth, and it doesn't make any difference in what country they have died or what

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country they live in at His coming, they will be gathered together and triumphantly go with Christ into His glorious kingdom.

Matt. 27:52, "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose." If you notice, these are saints and in the dispensation in which they lived they had made that preparation that gave them a part in the first resurrection and Jesus brought them forth when He arose and took them up to Paradise. No redeemed souls had gone into the paradisaical heavens up to this time. They had gone down on the paradisaical side where Lazarus went when he died, and were there with Abraham. Now Jesus brings them out and resurrects their bodies. Their resemblance was so much like their natural body when they lived until the people knew them and when Christ went up to Paradise, which means a flower garden, the place of rest for the souls of the redeemed, He took them with Him.

1 Cor. 6:14, "And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up by his own power." This proves that God is the author of the resurrection. It is by His own power that Jesus was raised from the dead and it will be by God's power that we are raised and brought forth. This will take place at the rapture and only those who have made this preparation may come forth at this resurrection. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

The resurrection is one of the most glorious hopes of the Christian. You take from the Christian his hope of this glorious time and there will be nothing left for him. The powers of darkness are crowding in on every hand and we are not looking for the government under which we live to give relief from this awful time, but we are looking for Jesus to

come back and give us complete deliverance. It seems strange that every Christian will not believe the wonderful truths and put forth greater efforts to obtain the experience that will give them abundant entrance into this glorious resurrection. All of our sorrows will be forgotten, all our trials will be over. None of us will ever get to where we are not tempted in this life, but he that overcometh shall inherit all things.

### Praise to the Lord of the Resurrection

Somehow as the Easter which so vividly reminds us of the glorious resurrection of our Lord, King and Conqueror, draws near, there is something down in my soul that seems to burst forth with His praise.

I feel it my duty to praise Him because of His boundless love towards me and of a wonderful peace that permeates my soul at this present time and is actuated by the abiding presence of His Holy Spirit and enhanced by the glorious hope of eternal life with Him in a world free from the blights of misunderstandings, crosses, crucifixion, etc.

As God gives the Easter flowers space to bloom in the earth, I am thankful for the space in the Evangel, and if some of God's saints see it and join me in His praise, or even pray for those who have never been quickened by the power of the gospel and the hope of eternal life, perhaps its humble mission will be fulfilled and the Lord of the resurrection glorified.

The prayers of my friends that I may turn many to righteousness by His power, thereby causing them not only to shun the agonies of hell, but to be made partakers of eternal life and praise Him forevermore, will be appreciated by your servant.—Laud L. Vaught, Oakvale, W. Va.

### The Ada, Okla. Willing Workers' Band

Now that winter is over and spring is here and things are beginning to spring forth in buds and flowers, so we, the Willing Workers Band, feel like starting anew to work while it is yet day. Our W. W. B. meets every first Monday night in the month. At our last meeting we planned to make aprons and bonnets to sell, also start getting names for a "Friendship Quilt." Our little Nanene Stansbury, Junior W. W., solicited twenty names at ten cents a name.

You will hear more about us and our Junior Willing Workers in the near future, so look for Ada's W. W. B. notice in the Evangel because we mean to be working, doing what our hands find to do, until Jesus comes.—Your sister in Christ, B. L. Schneidmueller, Ada, Okla.

# The Perry-Scope

TREASURES NEW AND OLD FROM  
FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

## Things to Remember

*"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though we know them, and be established in the present truth," 2 Peter 1:12.*

In order that we make the very best of our Christian life it is essential that we keep our minds on those things that make for our peace and progress.

1. The gaze of every Christian should be constantly upon "Jesus and Him crucified." It is not merely the repentant sinner that must find the cross, but the cross of Jesus is the signal for every step in the Christian's life. The cross is the center about which all of our service and ministry moves. Let us never lose sight of the cross.

2. Let us not forget our responsibility to God. In everything we are responsible to Him. His eye is ever upon us. We are purchased for His service and owe all to Him. Of every thought, word, and act, we shall give account to Him at that day.

3. And by all means, let us remember that in everything we believe, possess, teach, or practice, to live the Christ life is the most important thing set before us. The Lord is more interested in what we are than He is in what we can do. To be like Christ in your spirit and in your ways and in your works is the plane on which it pleases Him to have you walk.

4. If we grow in grace and in the things of the Lord, there will be an outward and inward evidence of that growth. We will have more love, more patience, more kindness, and more faith, and we will have a better testimony and there will be more real peace and satisfaction in serving God, as well as more strength to work for the Lord and to stand firm and true in all of the tests of life.

5. And I would have you remember that one of Satan's dangerous pitfalls is formality. It is easy to let up in your heart devotions and become weak and ineffective, and even while you keep up the form of prayer and outward profession, be regular with your Bible reading and private prayer and family prayer, and read good sound literature, and by all means attend regularly the public services, preaching, Sunday School, and all

prayer meetings. Do your best to keep the fires burning all the time upon the altar of your heart. It seems today that a great portion of professed Christians are backslidden in heart. Remember that past experiences will not meet the present need. You must have a renewal of God's grace day by day.

6. And remember Jesus' coming may be any day. We should be ready every moment. We have perhaps had all the warnings we will have—the Word, the Spirit, the testimonies of God's saints, signs fulfilled, and fulfilling all about us. Let us be satisfied with nothing short of God's best, and that will prepare us for any emergency. Amen.

## Faithfulness

There is nothing possible to a human soul greater than simple faithfulness, and the word "faithful" stands out as the hopeful, possible thing about our lives. Faithful—faith in God, fidelity to God—it means both. Faithful today, faithful tomorrow will mean faithful unto death, and that will mean "a crown of life."

## Conscientiousness

Although there is nothing so bad for conscience as trifling, there is nothing so good for conscience as trifles. The certain discipline and development of conscience is related to the smallest things. Conscience like gravitation takes hold of atoms. It must reign in manners, morals, amusements, as well as in work. He only who is "faithful in that which is least" is dependable in all the world.

## Shining for Jesus

We shall be glad, really glad, of everything that has come to us, no matter if it is sorrow or pain, when we find that it is thus we reach God's high ideal of life and being.

"The world knew him not." Wonder of wonders it must have been to Jesus, that men should be reading of Him in their scriptures, and then when they come face to face with Him not to recognize Him.

Would you like to be a radiant Chris-

tian? You may be. Spend time in prayer! You cannot be a radiant Christian in any other way.

*"I want a principle within,  
Of watchful, godly fear;  
A sensibility of sin,  
A pain to feel it near."*

—Charles Wesley.

## Push

A drummer boy, captured by the British during the Revolutionary War, was told to beat an advance, and he made his drum sticks fly in a lively manner. Then they said, "Beat a reveille," which he did. Then they told him to beat a retreat. "Oh," he said, "I don't know how. We never beat a retreat in our army." Let us never beat a retreat in God's army, but let us push bravely on.

## Four Things to Do

Four things a man must learn to do  
If he would keep his record true:  
To think, without confusion, clearly;  
To love his fellow man sincerely;  
To act from honest motives purely;  
To trust in God and Heaven securely.

—Henry Van Dyke.

When the first missionaries went to Japan, it is said that a young Japanese who wanted to learn English was given the gospel of John to translate into Japanese. He soon became very restless and agitated. Finally he burst out with the question, "Who is this man about whom I have been reading—this Jesus? You call Him a man, but He must be God."

*Some reasons why Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ:*

1. He had seen the resurrected Christ. Acts 9:5; 1 Cor. 15:8.
2. He knew the gospel power. Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:17.
3. He knew the gospel message. 1 Cor. 15:14; 1 Tim. 1:11.
4. He saw the Church grow. Acts 11:24; 16-5.
5. He knew what to glory in—the cross. Gal. 6:14; 2 Thess. 1:4.

Every year our prison population increases by 25,000. Every day witnesses 5,000 crimes committed. The government records 5,000,000 persons in its criminal files, and estimates that 500,000 professed criminals are at large. It is said that 135,000 murderers are at large, more than the police force of the entire country.

*"Recompense to no man evil for evil."  
Reprisals and revenge are never the marks of a Christian.*

## News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

### MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN THE HOLY LAND

BY RALPH E. BANEY  
(Continued)

Besides the work in Jerusalem I have been preaching in the small villages. God has blessed my efforts. When the winter rains began last month I thought we would not be able to continue our services. The old building in which we had the services was wet and cold. However, at the regular time I took my instrument and started through the rain for the village. After riding three different 'so-called' buses, carrying my sixty pound instrument for a very long distance, wading through creeks and mud holes, I finally reached my village. To be sure, a very happy surprise awaited me, for I found the building packed full of men and women who had come for miles around through the cold and rain and had been waiting hours for me to come and preach to them. Although I was wet and cold, it was my most blessed meeting since arriving in Palestine. Never has the Spirit or God been so real to me in giving out His Word.

The people were sitting in their eastern fashion. The women and girls were wearing long strings of metal beads which were swung around their heads. Each of them was wearing at least a half dozen dresses or shawls all of which were decorated with designs of animals, birds, and flowers of many colors. Their feet were bare. From beneath all of these shawls showed olive colored faces. Some of these were beautiful and tender; others were hard and rough.

The men sat together in one side of the house while the women and children sat in the other. The men were dressed in their long 'night-gown' robes which stopped little short of their feet. All the men were hard and rough looking. Many of the men as well as the women and children were partly or completely blind. All of them revealed by their faces and expressions their hunger for the saving gospel of Christ.

At the close of this particular service my heart was made to rejoice to find that seven of these poor people were ready to accept Christ. It was a very touching scene when in prayer they knelt, praying in their ancient language that God would forgive them of sins and make Christ to them what He had become to the missionaries. Before I had even asked for prayer, one young man spoke out and said he had come there to find the Christ

that I had been preaching about.

Words fail to express the joy that filled the hearts of these people. Their faces began shining with new light; the light of Christ had come into their lives. When I started to leave, both the women and the men followed me for a distance shaking and holding my hand while telling me over and over again of the joy in their hearts and how happy they were that I had come to them with the gospel of Christ. It was real. Their faces proved it. As the shadows of night were falling, I bade them good-bye until I could come again. And as I passed over the hill on my way back to Jerusalem I could still hear their pleading words, "Please come back again and preach to us." Indeed, the experience of this one meeting alone is enough to reward me for the sacrifice I have made in leaving home and loved ones to preach Christ to these poor people.

### THE CALL OF BETHLEHEM

It has been a profound privilege for me to have a humble part in missionary work in the City of Bethlehem. Of all places in Palestine, one might think that Bethlehem, where the glorious stoop of condescension was made, would be the least in need of missionaries. Sad but true, regardless of the many pagan (so-called Christian) priests which parade her streets with ceremonial embroidered hangings, holy faces, and swinging crosses, Bethlehem is without the Christ which was born in her manner two thousand years ago. Inside her pagan churches one smells the pungent odor of incense. The air is heavy with candle smoke. The droning of the priests carrying out their ritual can be heard at all hours. While on the outside are thousands of poor lost souls with no one to tell them the comforting and saving words of Christ.

It is interesting to notice what significance and meaning is attached to the word "Christian" in this country. It means anything but what it did in Acts when the disciples were "first called Christians in Antioch." All official records here divide the entire population into three groups—Mohammedans, Jews, and Christians. We know who the Mohammedans are, and the Jews make it plain who they are, and ALL THE REST are officially classified as Christians! For instance, a man was killed the other night. It was known that he was not a Mohammedan and evident that he was not a Jew, therefore, the report is that a "Christian was killed." In this land a

Christian is a person who is not a Mohammedan or Jew.

When we approach a person here about becoming a Christian it is usually necessary to explain that we do not mean "Christian" as they think of it. As I study the situation I try to determine what is the greatest hindrance to the furtherance of the pure gospel among these people. At first I was prone to think that it was the presence of Mohammedanism, with all the implications of a religion based on the sword and release of restraint in the realm of lustful indulgence. Then I thought for some time that it would be the prevalence of Judaism with its century-old refusal to see in Jesus Christ their promised Messiah. But gradually has come this conviction: That the chief hindrance to preaching the gospel here will be the type of Christianity that these people already know about and see prevalent here.

This in general is the situation which brings to our minds the immediate need of true Christian missions in this country. Surely we are responsible for sending the message of salvation to Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, as well as unto the uttermost parts of the world.

### CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

Fortunately, I was able to spend some time in Bethlehem this winter. I found many people ready for the gospel. Apart from one small mission clinic with a very elderly missionary nurse in charge, there is not a real testimony of Christ in the City. On the night before Christmas I made arrangements for a special meeting for young men. The meeting was held in a small hall, but was very well attended. Indeed, it was the greatest of privileges to play the gospel songs in the streets of Bethlehem, and preach the story of Jesus on the night before Christmas. I spoke on the subject "Christ, The Desire of all Nations" and when I had finished I asked for questions. I was greatly surprised in finding such an interest and desire in the hearts of these young men for the truth of God. They were very appreciative of my coming and showed such interest that we made arrangements to have other special meetings.

In answer to my prayers I have been able to get some native Christian workers to help me. I have one splendid young man who is now taking charge of the meetings at Bethlehem and will soon be making missionary tours with me to the many other villages that remain untouched with the gospel message. In many of these villages there are thousands of souls who have never heard the Word of God. It seems that most of the missionaries are working in the larger villages and cities. Thus, I believe one of

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## Bible School Echoes

### Commercial Department of Bible Training School

The Commercial Department of B. T. S. has just completed its seventh successful year. The first class was composed of twelve students from eight states, and recited in the room with Brother McCoy's music students. The typing rhythm was so good that the Music Department had no need for a metronome. At the beginning of this year, the typing class was performing with such perfect rhythm that Brother Walker came upstairs to see what was making that "regular tap, tap, tap, tap" on the ceiling of his classroom.

The Commercial Department stresses rhythm and accuracy and does not drive for speed as hard as most commercial schools do. The Ayre School of Business is operated at B. T. S. by the head of the Commercial Department. The students of this school have made excellent reputations for thoroughness and accuracy in the business offices where they work. One man stated that they were the most accurate clerks he had worked who were right out of business school; and he had employed graduates of business schools in Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville, Chattanooga, and Knoxville. Students in The Ayre School of Business pay \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00 per month for the same training that Bible Training School students get for \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00.

Students are given individual attention as well as group instruction and their work is graded each day. If, for any good reason, students fall down in their grades one day, they are permitted to do extra work the next day in order to bring up the daily average and thus "balance the budget" of the grades.

The commercial class this year is made up of five girls and two boys as follows: Ava Nell Baxter, Calhoun, Ga.; Myrtle Helms, Kannapolis, N. C.; Madelyn Lewis, Toledo, Ohio; Mary Lou Pyeatt, Jal, New Mexico; Frances Liddle and Clyde Carraway, Cleveland, Tenn.; and George Barker, St. Charles, Penn. The present class is one of the smallest the department has enrolled, but it has done the best work of any class as a whole.

Any person who procures six or more NEW students for B. T. S. will be given their tuition for one term in the Commercial Department. Simply ask each student you get to give you a written statement that you were instrumental in influencing them to come to Bible School. Give six of these to the head of the Commercial Department when the school opens in October and you will be pre-

sented with a receipt for six months' tuition. Persons who obtain five NEW students will be given one-half of their tuition in this department; but no discount will be given for getting less than five students.

Be a "Booster"—Help B. T. S. to help others and it will help you.

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### Testimonials

I shall remember with much pleasure the happy days spent here in B. T. S. I consider my time here well spent.—Otis Agee, 206 Adams St., Mobile, Ala.

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I am glad to have had the privilege of attending this term of Bible School. I appreciate the good spiritual atmosphere and the harmony prevailing among the faculty and student body. — James Stephens, Lillington, N. C.

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My appreciation of Bible Training School can never be expressed in mere words. I hope to attend next term if at all possible.—Lawrence Davis, Estatoe, N. C.

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This term of Bible School has been worth more than anything else to me. I can truthfully say that my father's money has been well spent for this is where I found the Lord.—Reuben Shepherd, Cumberland, Ky.

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I have derived much pleasure and benefit from this, my first term in Bible School. This institution of knowledge is the best of its kind in the world. I desire the prayers of all Christian people everywhere. — Vernon VanCleave, Vine Grove, Ky.

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I praise the Lord for the privilege of writing a testimony in the Evangel about B. T. S. I praise the Lord for making the way for me to come to B. T. S. this year. It surely has meant much to me—the good Holy-Ghost-filled teachers to teach you and prayer before class. Well, I say anyone who can attend this Bible School will not regret it at all. Money would not pay for the good I have received here.

Dear saints, my little girl got her body burned. Please every one who reads this pray that God will undertake for us. We are pastoring a good church this year. We have some of the best people the Church of God can offer anywhere. They are so sweet to us. I desire the prayers of all that God will make the way for me to come back to B. T. S. next year. I would like for some of my friends to write me. —J. C. Pinion, Gen. Del., Etowah, Tenn.

### Things to Remember

FORREST CITY, Ark.—I am glad to report we are still on the firing line for

Christ in Arkansas. Praise the Lord for the way He blessed in the district meeting at New Summit church near Little Rock. Oh, how He blessed every speaker in every service.

We are glad of our state overseer, Brother Odis Smith. We know the Lord is with him and he's doing a wonderful work in our state. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to both ministers and laity. We believe he will be a wonderful blessing to the Church of God in Arkansas this year. We praise the Lord for Him.—Yours for the lost and the Church of God, R. E. Shaw, district pastor.

### We are Workers Together With God

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—I am happy to make a report of the Orangeburg church this morning. The devil said when Brother White came here a little over two years ago the church would not stand, but thank God, the work is continually growing and only a few have gone back in the world. Some have passed on to glory and a number of true blue saints are on the mountain top for God and won't come down. Brother White has gone and we have another good pastor, Brother George W. Cooper, who has the work at heart and is a pastor to be appreciated, and we surely do.

We finished paying for our church the first of January and we are working hard to pay for our parsonage. We have gained several members this Assembly year and we are expecting this to be a great year with the church here. Our Sunday School is coming along nicely and we hope, by God's help, to put the Y. P. E. over the top in a few weeks. Brother Phillips of Belmont, N. C. ran a two weeks' revival here the first of February. God blessed in a wonderful way. Conviction seized hearts, some prayed through, and many souls were made to rejoice. Brother Cooper organized a Willing Workers' Band and we are expecting to make a good report on this soon. We must work as well as pray. Show me members who will not co-operate with their pastor, who are afraid to raise money, won't help make a few dollars by selling something, seem to be afraid to exercise a little faith, and I will show you a dead church. We are workers together with God. Praise His name! We are praying for you and desire your prayers.—A sister in the Master's service, Mrs. R. B. Dickson, clerk, 43 South Boulevard.

P. S. After writing this I learned our little dog has rabies. All my family are taking the treatment but me, I'm trusting God and want everyone who reads this to have special prayer for me.

## REPORTS

### Couldn't Say No to God

MENTONE, Ala.—Dear saints, I am happy to say my soul is bubbling over with God's blessings and praises tonight. I feel like telling the world about His blessings toward us.

We've labored here at this place for two years and were not planning on returning after the Assembly as we had calls to other fields that looked better financially, but God called us back and we couldn't say no to God. I wondered why God wanted us back here another year, but God can use our lives for a blessing if we will obey Him. Seek God in prayer and go where He says go. He'll always make the way for us if we'll obey Him. Hallelujah!

The second Sunday after the Assembly we were having Sunday School in an arbor where we had run a revival a few weeks before the Assembly. There were fifty-seven present on this Sunday. The weather was cold and it looked as if we would have to close our Sunday School as we had no building to have service in. After Sunday School I felt impressed to have prayer. While we were praying I put that Sunday School before the Lord and asked Him to give us a place of worship, and not let me turn that Sunday School out in the cold world, as it seemed without a hope of a building to have church and Sunday School in. God heard that prayer. Thank the Lord! Before I dismissed I had fifty dollars on a church building, the logs all promised to build the church with and the members promised they would haul the logs to the mill and give their labor free in building.

Today the church is almost completed, a nice 28x38 building with concrete foundation, plenty of nice lumber on hand to finish it and we have already started painting outside, and the best of all the church and land is deeded to the Church of God and paid for. Thank the Lord!

Sunday night, Feb. 21, we set the church in order. God came down and blessed in a wonderful way. We have some good people here who are loyal and will stand by you. We will have a dedication service in the near future. Brother Dunn, our state overseer, will be with us. Watch for the date to be announced later and be preparing to come and enjoy an all-day feast with us from the Lord.

The church is three miles from Menlo, Ga., just across the Alabama-Georgia

line in Alabama, so we're inviting you now, one and all, come and be with us, for we're expecting great things in the Lord this year. Pray for us that we'll ever obey the Lord and be a blessing to His cause. Our new church is named Silver Creek Church of God.—Your servant in the work of the Lord, L. E. Galloway, pastor of Silver Creek and Mentone Churches of God.

### Thank God for the Shield of Faith

DYERSBURG, Tenn.—Dear Evangel readers, I am glad to say the Church of God at Dyersburg, Tenn, is moving on under the able leadership of our beloved pastor, Brother J. B. Cole, and his wife. When we learned we would have to give up our former pastor, Brother Baney, it seemed we could not bear the thought of giving them up, as they had stood with us through a severe test, and enduring the trials and persecutions helped us to see the Church of God, for which we are very thankful.

But God was very mindful of us and sent us another good man as pastor, Brother J. B. Cole, and his wife, whom we had never seen or heard of, but whom we soon learned to love. Thank the Lord for the fellowship of His people and a people willing to submit to God's will though at first we couldn't understand.

Now as we hear from Brother and Sister Baney and the great success they are having in Kansas, we realize God knows the future better than we do the past, and let me say again, we thank Him for Brother and Sister Cole and we mean to stand by them as they stand on God's eternal Word.

We thank God for the shield of faith which enables us to stand by our leaders, regardless of what the devil might present, as the scripture says, Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm. No other way can he touch them only by false accusation, slander, and reproach. Pray for Dyersburg.

We invite all who can to meet us at our district convention which will convene March 26-28.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. G. W. Baize, Rt. 2.

### Unity and Fellowship Prevail

WILCOE, W. Va.—The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad, Psa. 26:3.

Surely the Lord is pleased with the unity and fellowship that is prevailing here at Wilcoe. He is wonderfully pouring out His Spirit in this part of His vineyard. Since October when Brother E. R. Clower took charge as pastor the work has been growing greatly. We have just closed a six weeks' revival with Brother Clarence Simmons in charge. Brother

Simmons preached the gospel in its fullness. Many were saved, sanctified, and some received the Holy Ghost, for which we praise God.

We truly thank God for our pastor. God is blessing his untiring efforts. Within the four months he has been here he has done much for the church and people. There have been ten added to the church. The Sunday School has almost a double increase. When he came here we had no Young People's Endeavor. Now we have a fine Y. P. E. We are up with all our financial obligations. Instead of raising ten cents per member on the aged ministers' fund we gave twenty cents per member. Pray for the work at this place that God will continue to bless.—Your sister in Christ, Miss Gladys Shatley.

### Blessed With Prosperous Y. P. E.

LIVE OAK, Fla.—Dear readers, I am glad to say a few words in regard to our Young People's Endeavor which we have just organized Jan. 29 at Salem church near Live Oak, Fla. The membership has increased greatly since. The young people in the community seem to be getting more interested and the attendance is larger every service night. We really thank God for blessing us with a prosperous Y. P. E. and some young folks to work with who really have the victory.

Many souls have been blessed in our meetings and we believe that by God's help in the near future it will be a real soul-saving station. We want to see the young people at this place coming to God, giving up this old world and living a clean life for Jesus. We are interested in the older folks but we are especially interested in the young people, so friends, we are asking that everyone of you who knows the Lord will pray that we will live a clean, righteous life that will be a light to those who are in darkness and be a success.—Your brother in Christ, Houston Roberts.

### Results of Prayer Meeting

ALCOA, Tenn.—We started having cottage prayer meetings and God put His approval on it. The old time power would fall, hungry souls would seek God, some got through almost every night.

We have a wonderful band of young girls, they surely are on fire. They sing and shout the praises of God.

The Bible said, "Go." We went and God went with us and we praise His name for it. There have been nineteen saved, fourteen sanctified, eleven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and fifteen added to the church and it isn't over yet. Pray for us here.—G. W. Hodges, pastor.



### Visits of State S. S. and Y. P. E. Supt. of North Carolina

Dear Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of North Carolina, just a few lines to give a brief report of my visits thus far. I started the 9th of January by visiting Barnardsville. We had a good service here. Sunday morning, the 10th, I was at Biltmore. Here we had another precious service. Sunday night I visited Canton, another good service. From here I went to Clyde. We had a splendid service here. From here we went to Luther where we had a good service, then to Candler, from here to West Asheville. They have floored their church there. Then we left for Black Mountain and from there to Marion. The Lord's presence is real. From here I went to Valdese for a good time in the Sunday morning service. From here we went to Lenoir and was there for the Sunday night service. God came down and blessed graciously. Seven were saved, one sanctified, and eight came in the church during the day there. That is great, isn't it? On we go to Statesville, then to Concord and from here to Mooresville, and then we leave for Charlotte and we can feel, yes, that Jesus is right along helping us, for which we certainly feel grateful. On we go to South Gastonia and another good service is enjoyed in their new church, then on to Belmont for a glorious outpouring of the Spirit, then to Cramerton. Although they lost their church building by fire, yet they have won the state Y. P. E. banner. They have started on their new church building. Pray for them. From here we went to High Shoals and then to West Gastonia, where we had another good service. From here we went to Mt. Holly for a splendid service. Here we are then at Bessemer City and then at Shelby and on to Lexington. From here we go to Thomasville and on to High Point and hurrying we arrive at Greensboro and then on to Sanford. All right then, let's get started, for we are to be in Raleigh and a good service. From here we go to Wake Forest for a good time in the Lord and on to Selma, and then to Goldsboro. From here we went to Erwin and pretty soon we were in Greenville and then at Tarboro and leaving there rather hurriedly we hasten on to Rocky Mount and on we go to Middlesex and then to another place known as Gums Chapel near Roanoke Rapids. We have no church organized here but we have a Sunday School there and while there we organized a Y. P. E. On we go to Snows Branch and then the highway is looked for to get to Wilmington. Here God blessed and we are grateful. From here we go to Hope Mills and then to Fayetteville and here we are to be in Smithville tonight.

We have organized several new Y. P. E's and are hoping to organize many more. D. V. Come on, Y. P. E's and S. S's, let's do our best. Please report to the state superintendent and also to the district superintendent and he in turn will report to the state secretary. Some are reporting for which we are very grateful. Some haven't, and, of course, we feel that you should be reporting.

Pastors, please assist in seeing that your Sunday School and Y. P. E. report. Come on, let's be one hundred per cent. I'm on my way to you. Pray for me.—Humbly, T. C. Franklin, State Supt. of S. S. and Y. P. E. of North Carolina, 208 S. Rose Ave.

### Gaining Ground on the Enemy

CHRISTIAN, W. Va.—I thank and praise my Savior for what He means to me and that I still have victory over sin and the devil. We are glad to report that the Church of God at Christian is coming to the front. We have been having a struggle with the enemy for some time here, but with every effort our pastor, Brother Van D. Browning, could put forth and all the members getting in line and holding to God, we are gaining ground on the enemy now. Thank God!

We are glad to say the twenty-five cents assessment for the state camp ground has all been paid, also the aged ministers' fund. We are planning to have a revival here in the near future and I ask the brothers and sisters everywhere to please pray that the Lord will give us many souls. Also pray for our Sunday School and Y. P. E.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Elsie Lester.

### Unable to Tell of Blessings Received

LENOIR, S. C.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us here at Lenoir. It is more than one can tell. I thank Him for being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother G. C. Hamby. He is a blessing to us. He seems to be well satisfied with his new place. He was at Wilmington, N. C. for five years and we trust he will stay that long with us. He has had one revival; a great number were blessed and seventeen were added to the church. We have a revival spirit all the time. Some one goes through almost every Sunday night.

We have young people's prayer meeting on Monday night and more young people have received the Holy Ghost in those services than in the revival. We have our Y. P. E. on Saturday night. He surely helps us young people and takes great interest in all of us.

Last Wednesday night, Feb. 24th. we

had the best prayer meeting I was ever in in my life. Since Brother Hamby came here twenty-eight have received the Holy Ghost and thirty-one have been added to the church.

Oh, praise the Lord, I am so happy. Several of us brothers meet at the church every night there is no service and pray. God surely blesses us. Brother Hamby is planning on another revival in two weeks. Pray for our meeting. People are looking this way.—Your brother, A. B. Carter, c/o Palace Barber Shop.

### Jamaica Island Convention

The annual convention of the Island of Jamaica convened at Farenough, Clarendon, Jam., Jan. 28-31. It was one of the finest and greatest conventions that can be mentioned in the history of Jamaica. It is that of Farenough, which was accompanied by the visit of our General Overseer, J. H. Walker.

Brother Walker arrived at Kingston on Jan. 27 by plane. Here a welcome was held at the Kingston tabernacle for him that night. He had also preached a sermon on the "Receiving and Value of the Working Power of the Holy Ghost." Amidst this sermon forty souls fell at the altar seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. On the 28th a party of fifty-four, including the General and State Overseers, left by buses for the convention.

We arrived at Farenough at ten minutes until two o'clock p. m. The tabernacle was compacted to its utmost capacity before six o'clock, at which time songs and prayers were started with Elder W. A. Shaw in charge. The congregation stood with uplifted hands, giving God thanks. We could see the manifestations and reflections of the Holy Ghost in His working power in this convention from start to finish.

Next we had the welcome by C. T. Johnson, pastor, which expressed the convention spirit. Responses were given by Brothers McDonald, Harris, and Mitchel. The introductory sermon was given by the General Overseer. These speakers' words were directed right to our hearts. When the altar call was given there was not room enough for seekers or sinners. It was the largest congregation we ever had in Jamaica in a convention.

On Friday we had early morning prayer meeting. One of Elder Henry's remarks, who was first speaker, was that the highest space in the Church of God is humility. Brother Mitchell, the last speaker, sang a song. We are marching on to certain victory which sets the Church to shouting and dancing. At 8:30 a. m. we had a song by the McFee choir, followed by one by the Desire

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### Tampa District Convention

The convention of the Tampa district convened at Tarpon Springs Feb. 19-21. Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, and Brother H. L. Chesser, district overseer, were in charge. All the pastors of the district answered "present" at the roll call. The district was well represented. Brother L. R. Alderman, pastor, extended a cordial invitation and hearty welcome to those present, which received a prompt response from Brothers Stanfield, Vaughan, Hughes, and Sister Combs. God set His seal on the first service as the Holy Ghost manifested Himself in shouts, praises to God and speaking in other tongues. Brother P. W. Chesser brought the evening sermon. He surely did some straight shooting and made us feel like taking a higher limb.

On Saturday afternoon the district was fairly well represented despite the inclement weather, demonstrating the fact that we don't have "weather religion." Brother Williams gave a fine exposition on Heb. 13, bringing out many helpful points of admonition and comfort. Next came the meeting of Sunday School and Y. P. E. officials, followed by the ministers' conference. Several knotty problems in the scriptures were brought up and thrashed out, verifying 2 Tim. 2:15. After a very good song and devotional service, Brother V. D. Combs brought a fine message followed by Brother J. T. Roberts who gave a stirring message.

Sunday morning was the crowning service of the whole convention. Although the rain poured on the outside and occasionally the thunder roared the church was crowded to its utmost capacity with many standing. At 10:15 Brother H. L. Chesser gave a fine message on foreign missions, giving facts on conditions in foreign countries, especially India, and stirring up the hearts and minds of the people in behalf of this great cause. The message had its effect. An offering was taken and the quotas from the churches and personal offerings amounted to a grand total of \$233.80.

The next treat of the morning service was a sermon by the state overseer. He held the attention of the congregation with his characteristic good humor and sound speech backed up by the Holy Ghost. On account of the rain outside the benches were arranged and dinner was served inside. After the physical man was satisfied, the congregation again assembled for singing and devotion. The reports of the churches which followed were perhaps the best ever given on the Tampa district, taking everything into consideration.

We feel both honored and benefited by having the convention here. The holy influence of such a gathering will surely remain with us for a long time. The Evangel and Florida State News were not neglected, Brothers Oneal Hughes and P. W. Chesser taking subscriptions for both papers. — Respectfully submitted, R. F. Pent.

### Mission For the Deaf Organized

BILTMORE, N. C.—Dear readers and loved ones, no words can express how happy I am to be in the Church of God where I am getting my soul fed and where we have unity, love and close fellowship with one another in the beauty of holiness. I love the Church of God because it bears the name of the One who died on Calvary's cross for us. I love the Church of God because it stands against all uncleanness, and above all you can tell the sheep from the goats in the Church of God. I praise the Lord for the good old time, heartfelt, Holy Ghost salvation and for His healing power.

In the year of 1914 at the age of thirteen I was sent to the school for the deaf at Morganton as I couldn't hear and talk well enough to attend the public school at home. After I graduated from that school in 1924 I came to Asheville and secured a job at Grove Park Homespun Mill and I have been here since. For years I felt the call that God had a specific work for me to do but I wasn't right in the center of His will, so when I heard a sermon on "The New Birth" I realized I had never been born again even though I was a member of a church. I went down on my knees and begged God to save me, which He gloriously did, and I shouted for the first time in my life.

I do sympathize with those who do not know anything about salvation, sanctification and the Holy Ghost, for I was once in darkness myself and even had the wrong ideas about holiness people, but I have found some of the finest, most intelligent and brightly educated people in the Church of God.

About two years ago I organized a little mission among the deaf and we had our first meeting here at home and later moved it to the Y. M. C. A. in Asheville. Since I gave up all for Christ my hearing and speech have improved so that I can understand every word a preacher says.

The first sermon I ever interpreted in the sign motion was at a funeral service for a deaf man who died and I interpreted for Brother E. Gibson Davis twice, but since I have joined the Church of God I love my work with all my heart and certainly do get joy out of telling

those deaf people what my pastor and others have to say to them.

Sunday, Feb. 7, we met at the Y. M. C. A. and Brother G. C. Hamby, pastor of the Church of God at Lenoir, N. C. preached a sermon to the deaf on the "New Birth." Everyone there seemed to enjoy his sermon. There were twenty-two deaf people at the meeting and the little mission is growing larger and larger.

I want all of you dear saints of God to back up my pastor, Brother A. V. Childers, and me in this work among the deaf, with your prayers and encouragement. Pray for me that I'll stand right in the center of God's will and let Him have His way with me. The half can never be told what the good Lord has done for me. Some of my good friends may have turned their backs on me since I stepped out in this way but what matters when we have Jesus to stand by us, and the good Book says it's holiness or hell.—A sister in Christ, Annie Hare.

Note from Brother G. C. Hamby:

This sister surely needs the prayers of the Church of God as no one else can do the work she is doing. She can hear and also talk with her fingers. She is a blessing to the deaf. They sing and pray. It is very sacred. They make motions with their hands.—47 Liberty St., Biltmore, N. C.

### He Abides Today

LITHONIA, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise my blessed Redeemer and King through the wonderful paper I love so much. It is the only way I have of testifying for Jesus as I don't get to be in service but about twice or three times a year. It is very hard to have to be denied the privilege of being in service for God when it is your only pleasure in life.

There are no Church of God people around here except my husband and me. Oh, how I long to be with the sanctified and blessed. It makes my heart almost bleed at times—no one to pray with, no one to sing with.

Twelve years ago God wonderfully saved my soul, sanctified, and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost. I shall never forget that night. And today He still abides, He blesses my soul along this lonesome way. If it were not for the sweet blessings He gives me, I feel like I would sink beneath the load. My health is very bad and it seems sometimes I had rather pass on to my home than to stay in this lonesome place, and then I think about my children. I do want to raise them and see them with the Holy Ghost. Please help me pray for them.

I believe Jesus is coming soon and we see so many precious souls unconcerned, forsaking the dear Holy Ghost and say

there is no use of that talking in tongues. trying to climb up some other way. Jesus says they are the same as thieves and robbers and we know that thieves and robbers will not enter the pearly gates.

I am glad of the dear Church of God and what it means to me. I am glad for the Evangel, it is food to my hungry soul. If Brother Rouse or anyone else who prays for the sick sees this, please pray a special prayer for me; if it is God's will to heal my body. I want to be a true, living witness for the One who died for me. I want to see souls saved and on their way to heaven. I want you to pray that I will be able to trust in God for everything as I am weak on some points. Pray for my home. I do not trust in a doctor but I use some little home remedies. I want to be in God's will. Pray for my unsaved loved ones.—An unworthy sister, Mrs. D. H. Skinner, Rt. 1.

### Praise the Lord for a Faithful Few

GRAHAM, Ga.—I praise God this evening for the way He has blessed me. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost, and belong to the great Church of God.

I thank God for the good meetings we have had. Oh, they have been wonderful. I praise the Lord for a few faithful ones around here and for the way He has stood by me.

I took sick with kidney colic. I was leaning on the arm of flesh then. I was sick about a month, not able to do my house work and was taking medicine all the time. I was so nervous I couldn't bear any noise at all.

One Sunday afternoon my husband took me over where they were having meeting. I could not get in the house by myself, I just dragged one leg, caused from that abscessed kidney. Brother Weeks and many of the other saints prayed for me. I danced all over that floor. I have been walking on my leg ever since and have never taken another dose of medicine since March two years ago. My side still bothers me at times and last week I broke one of my ribs. It is bothering me lots but I am looking and trusting that Doctor on high. Praise the Lord for Sister Ella Ross and Sister Anderson. Both of them have meant so much to me. Pray for me that I will be ready to go when the Lord comes or calls me, I don't think it will be long. I'm so glad I'm one of them.—Mrs. Lily White.

### Jesus is a Dear Friend of Mine

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Dear saints, I am saved from sin and sinning, thank

the Lord, sanctified holy and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. My life is sweetly consecrated to serve God and Him only. My heart is fixed and my mind is well made up to please God in every way I know. If I live holy and stay in the precious Word of God, I will please Him. I love Jesus with all my heart and strength. Bless His sweet name! I cannot help but smile while writing this because I know Jesus. He is a dear, dear friend of mine. He is so good to me.

Had it not been for Jesus' great power I would have been buried in the state of Minnesota last August. On Aug. 26, 1936, at eleven o'clock, I was in a car wreck and was seriously injured. The doctor in St. Paul didn't think I could live. They said that I bled so until I had become anemic. As the doctors were stitching my face up Jesus was there to keep the needle from hurting me. He kept breath in my body and today I am happy in Jesus and back in the state of Florida.

There isn't a Church of God in St. Paul, Minn. but the Jesus only people were nice to me. They were so sweet to me the night I got hurt. When I became conscious there was a white minister praying for me. I do wish that some minister would go to St. Paul and work. I believe God would bless. I am a member of the Church of God in Jacksonville, Fla. Elder C. F. Bright is my pastor. Pray for us in Jacksonville.—Your sister in Christ, Anna McLendon (Colored), Rt. 2-a, Box 800.

### NOTICES

God needs a man who is steadfast, full of the Holy Ghost, called to assist evangelists on the field, can play instrument, sing special songs, is an experienced choir leader, and consecrated to God. If you have the vision to win lost souls and are willing to work with me in this ripe field the remainder of the year on the free will offering system, reply stating age, experience, married or single. — Leon Jones, N. Fairground St., Winona, Miss.

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A revival will begin at the Church of God at Warrenville, S. C. the second Sunday in April. Sisters Pauline Jackson and Myrtle Whitehead will be in charge. We are also expecting our former state overseer, Brother H. L. Whittington, to visit us during the meeting. Neighboring churches, come over and help us. Pray for the success of this meeting.—T. D. Brogden, pastor.

The soul that employs faith to do all of its ordering from heaven's supply house will always have its needs supplied, and will never have any orders turned down for lack of funds.

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Beginning March 29  
M. D. Harwood, Pastor



## Requests

Please pray especially for Mrs. Pearl Hans, 167 Goulding Ave., East Alton, Ill.—J. H. Freeman, pastor.

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We are in the beginning of one of the greatest revivals we have had in a long time. Seemingly the church is burdened for the lost more than ever. Brother Smith and his party from Beckley, W. Va. are in charge. The Lord surely is blessing him in giving out the Word. Please pray that God will give us a great harvest of souls and that much good will be done.—John D. Raynor, pastor, Elkins, W. Va.

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Please pray for my beloved friend, Brother James Baker. He is just a young man but has been courageously holding on since his affliction of almost two years.—J. H. Freeman, pastor, East Alton, Ill.

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Pray for our district convention which is to convene at Vicksburg in May. Pray that God will rebuke opposing powers and give us a glorious convention.—Mrs. Bertie Book, clerk, Vicksburg, Mo.

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I sincerely desire the prayers of the saints that I may hold out faithfully for Jesus. I am the only one in my home who has salvation. Pray hard for my loved ones to be saved. Pray for our little church at Elkin, N. C., that God will send us a good man filled with the Holy Ghost to conduct a revival as it is badly needed here.—Mrs. Maggie Gentry, State Road, N. C.

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Dear saints, pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I have something wrong with the bone of my nose and at times I suffer day and night and can't sleep.—A sister in Christ, E. M. McKinney, Covell, W. Va.

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Will you please remember me and others who are in trouble. Pray that God will undertake for Merin Coggin. It is such a sad case for his father and his wife and children.—Cleo Parker, Rt. 1, Nashville, N. C.

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I am praising God for what He is to me though I'm lying here with my body racked in pain. I have salvation and am completely trusting God with my body. I'm ready to go or stay. Pray earnestly for me. Pray for our church here, also for my wife and baby.—Lee Poole, East Marion, N. C.

Dear saints, pray for me and my husband. He is a backslider. I feel called to preach the Word. Pray that God will help me.—Mrs. Emma Smith, Taylorsville, Ga., Rt. 1.

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Pray for Mrs. Rosa Harvey, Lewis Chapel, Tenn., who is in a bad condition. The doctor says she has a tumor, bad liver and kidney trouble. She has salvation but is not a member of the Church. Pray a special prayer for her.—Dollie Shubird, Lewis Chapel, Tenn.

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Please pray earnestly for the recovery of my sister, Mrs. Bertha Simmons, who is in the hospital at Philippi, W. Va. Pray that she will be saved.—Joseph Smith, Albert, W. Va.

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Pray for my little girl who nearly has pneumonia.—Mrs. B. A. Meeks, Carrollton, Ga.

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Please pray for the Freedom Texas church. We have organized a Willing Workers' Band and the opposing powers are against us.—Mrs. Rutha Mitchell.

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Pray for the little church at Martins Fork. We are in a very good meeting at present.—Lloyd Fowler, Alva, Ky.

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We have opened up a new work here in Oblong, Ill., and wish every one to pray for us and lost souls. Seven have been saved and the interest is good. This is a hard place. We have started a Sunday School so please pray for us. We have Sunday School at 2:00 p. m. Come if you can.—Mrs. Alma Smith, 11 West Ohio Street, Oblong, Ill.

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Pray for the work in South Alabama, that we might accomplish something for the Lord. Pray for me to be healed so I can soon be back on the battlefield.—Julious Williamson, Sunny South, Ala.

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I am asking prayer for my afflicted body. I have several diseases and no medical aid has cured me and has given me but little ease. Pray for our home in which sin reigns. My desire is that it will be a home of prayer.—A sister under the blood, Miss Geneva Lumpkin, Box 36, LaFrance, S. C.

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Dear friends this world over, I fell the other day and crippled myself. Please pray that the Lord will heal me and make me able to walk and talk and read my Bible as long as I live, and stand for the Church of God. Pray for the family that is taking care of me, Brother and Sister Sullivan. He is best known as Dr. Sullivan. Pray for the church here. I was running a meeting here when I got hurt.—Mary Lynch, Imboden, Ark., Box 82.

I have a very special request. Please pray that God will answer.—E. M. Smith.

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Please pray a special prayer for Brother Archie Nixon. He is seriously ill with pneumonia. Pray that God will give us a revival here. Pray also that God will give us a house to worship in.—Yours under the blood, Mattie Ball, Rt. 2, Vincent, Ala.

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Please take my father to the great Physician in prayer. He was operated on today for cancer but it was too far gone. If Jesus doesn't heal, there is no hope.—Floyd A. Boger, Rt. 1, Box 235, Graham, N. C.

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Please pray for my two children who are sick. Pray that God will heal my body. Pray that my children will get work. I also have an unspoken request. Pray that God will save my unsaved children.—Your sister, Mrs. D. H., Maud, Okla.

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Dear saints, I do not belong to the Church of God but I believe in holiness and I want to get closer to God. Pray for me that I may do His will and be humble. My dear husband has been in the hospital two years. His mind is bad and he is getting worse every time I go to see him. The doctors say there is no chance for him, it is only a matter of time, but I know the Lord can heal him and I want you dear saints to please pray that God will heal him. He got saved before he got sick and I am so thankful that he did. Pray for me that God will heal my body. I also have an unspoken request.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. W. M. Roberson, 211 W. 7th Ave., Lexington, N. C.

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Please pray for God to heal my body. I really need prayer. If Brother Rouse sees this please pray for me. I want to trust the Lord so don't pass this by. If anyone wishes to send an anointed handkerchief it will be appreciated.—A sister, Ella Allred, Rt. 3, Oneonta, Ala.

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Please pray for me, I have some kind of choking and wheezing spells. Please pray for me to be healed of pellagra and indigestion. I am trusting the Lord for both soul and body. Please send me an anointed handkerchief if you feel led. Pray for my mother's body, she has a cancer on her nose and may have cancer of the stomach. She belongs to the Church of God but hasn't the Holy Ghost. Pray for my husband to get the Holy Ghost, also my brother and sisters. Please pray that I'll stay in the center of God's will.—Your sister in Christ, Hattie Stubblefield, Rt. 1, Kennard, Texas.

## Death Notices

### WRIGHT

William Fillmore Wright was born Jan. 9, 1882 and died Feb. 21, 1937, at the age of fifty-five years. He spent fifteen years of active Christian service as an evangelist in the Church of God. His funeral was conducted by Brother C. E. Tarpley, his former pastor, and his body laid to rest in the Garden Point cemetery to await the resurrection morning. He was a man of God, a faithful companion, and a father to the church here. He had won a very warm place in our hearts and was loved and respected by his neighbors and friends.—His pastor, Jesse Danehower, Box 138, Lepanto, Ark.

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### AMASON

The death angel visited the home of Brother Clarence Amason, Jan. 4, 1937 and claimed his loving wife, Mrs. Lula Mae Amason, age twenty-seven years, four months, four days. She was a faithful member of The Church of God. She was laid to rest in the Sharon cemetery. Service was conducted by the writer.—W. L. Sharp.

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### MARTIN

Clifford C. Martin, age twenty-six years, died Jan. 16, 1937. Funeral service was held at the Church of God with Brother Hampton of Knoxville in charge. Burial was in the city cemetery.—A friend, Lenoir City, Tenn.

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### WHITAKER

Brother James Whitaker departed this life Feb. 21, 1937 at the age of seventy-nine years. Funeral service was conducted by the writer and Brother Solomon Scalf. Interment was made in the Sunshine cemetery.—T. A. Richard, Box 45, Harlan, Ky.

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### JERNIGAN

Brother James F. Jernigan died Dec. 30, 1936. He had just passed his seventy-first birthday. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Beasley Chapel. Interment was made in Henning cemetery.—His pastor, J. B. Cole.

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### HARRISON

Norma June Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Collie Harrison, died Jan. 19, 1937. She was twenty-four years old. Interment was made in Dyersburg, Tenn. cemetery.—J. B. Cole.

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### ANDERSON

Lloyd Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Anderson, was born Sept. 13, 1935 and died Feb. 20, 1937. Interment

was made in Finley cemetery.—J. B. Cole, Dyersburg, Tenn.

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### RICHARDS

Carlina (Shoffner) Richards was born Nov. 16, 1872 and departed this life Jan. 22, 1937. She was a member of the Church of God at LaFollette, Tenn. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother Hicks and her body laid in the Kitts cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—Baxter Bryant, pastor.

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### MATHESON

George D. Matheson, fifty-nine years old, died March 2, 1937. His funeral was held at Hayesville, N. C. Church of God by Glover P. Ledford.

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### HARRISON

On March 1, 1937 the death angel visited our home demanding our precious jewel, Alfred L. Harrison, Jr., nineteen months old. His body was placed in a near-by cemetery at Ten Mile Creek church. Funeral service was conducted by Brother Floyd, pastor of Baxley, Ga. Church of God. I request that everyone pray earnestly for God to send down His tender mercy upon us and that we will get closer to the Lord.—A. L. Harrison, Rt. 2, Baxley, Ga.

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### EDMONDSON

On March 10, 1937 the death angel visited the home of Louie Edmondson and claimed dear Sister Alice Edmondson. She was fifty-three years old and a faithful member of the Church of God. The funeral was conducted by Brother J. G. Perry and burial was made near Conetoe.—Mrs. J. G. Perry, 210 W. Granville St., Tarboro, N. C.

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### MADDEN

Helen Juanita Madden departed this life March 7, 1937. She was twelve years old and saved. Brothers F. L. Muller, J. C. Childers, and Ralph Taylor conducted the funeral services at LaFrance Church of God and the body was laid to rest in LaFrance cemetery.—Her sister, Frances Madden, Anderson, S. C.

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### PHILLIPS

Walter Phillips departed this life March 11, 1937. He was twenty-three years, eleven months, and five days old. He was saved and sanctified a short time before he was called away. The funeral was conducted at Dunlap Church of God by the pastor, James W. Thurman. Interment was made in the Picket cemetery.

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### BLACKBURN

Sister Fannie Blackburn departed this life March 1, 1937. She was a member of

the Church of God eighteen years. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, R. E. Drymon, and Brother Courtney of the Assembly of God. Interment was in the Greenwood cemetery.—Mrs. R. E. Drymon, Orlando, Fla.

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### SCALES

On Feb. 16 the death angel visited the home of Brother H. B. Scales and claimed his dear wife, Mrs. Fannie Scales. She was sixty-six years old and was a member of the Church of God at Electra, Tex. for eleven years. The funeral was conducted by Brothers S. J. Wood, Vernon Attibery, and the writer. Interment was made in the new Electra cemetery.—J. T. Campbell, pastor, Electra, Tex.

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### FORBS

(Colored)

On Feb. 16, 1937 Sister Helena J. Forbs departed this life. She was born in 1884 and was fifty-three years old at the time of her death. She was a faithful member of the Church of God, a pioneer evangelist. Her funeral was conducted at the Church of God at W. Palm Beach by Bishop J. H. Curry.—Elder David LaFleur, pastor.

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### JACKSON

(Colored)

Sister Editha Jackson, beloved wife of Brother Jackson, passed away Feb. 16, 1937. She was a faithful member in the Church of God at W. Palm Beach, Fla. Funeral was conducted by Bishop J. H. Curry.—David LaFleur, pastor.

## Another Church Set in Order In Michigan

I am sure the readers of the Evangel will be pleased to hear that another church has been organized in Michigan. It is not a weak, struggling church but is made up of good material. Although it has only twenty-one members at present, yet they are all adults except one and prospects for more look good.

Brother Herbert Maguire went to North Flint and ran a meeting. The Lord blessed in saving souls, sanctifying, and filling with the Holy Ghost. Now that the revival is over, the church has been organized. The majority of the members, however, are members transferred from the west side church, who lived in the north part of town, so now we have two good churches in Flint. Remember to pray that this will be a great year for Michigan.—Your brother, Paul H. Walker, state overseer.

The persons who think they know and don't know will never know without some more thinking and should never stop until they know they know.

**Jamaica Island Convention**

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choir. Then we had a solo by Sister T. H. Levy of Kingston. Elder N. A. Archer gave an exhortation on "The Effect of Prayer." At 9:00 o'clock we had reports of the churches. As we listened to the wonderful growth of the work we could see that our perfection comes through chastisement too. We next had a song by the Y. P. E. from Kingston. At the close of the reports we were much encouraged to go back to our fields of labor. The General Overseer then encouraged the workers in their work. We had seen many possibilities whereby we are called upon to make new resolutions for this year. We then had instructions to clerks and ministers.

General instructions by our state overseer on Saturday were rather outstanding and have become a brace to us. Our state overseer, H. A. Hudson, can certainly "turn out the corners" of the Y. P. E. Thank God for him.

We were then favored by a solo by Sister Lewinson and Evangelist Munroe. We had prayer and testimonies with Elder W. A. Shaw in charge. "The Fall of Man" by Sister Munroe and Elder W. A. Shaw and "How to Obey Them Who Have the Rule Over You in the Lord" by Elder A. W. Tawney. Yes truly, we cannot now comprehend the glory that is to be revealed, but it is our privilege to be among the faithful and share it in that great day.

Instructions were given by the General Overseer to the ministers. May the dear Lord bless that dear man of God. One could just hear these precious words from his lips, "Oh, precious ministers!" So tenderly did these words come from his lips, but they caused weeping among the ministers and laity. We see a woe if the gospel is not preached by those who are chosen to do so and a curse if it is not preached right. These are the days when we, the children of God, are called upon to study the Word. In spite of the different embarrassments in the way we could remember the Hebrew captives in Daniel's day, that they were carried far away from home and native land, yet no king's edict nor any trial made a dent in their faith and trust in God.

At 2:30 p. m. we had ministers' conference. Fine sermons on the program were "The Fountain" by Brother Williams and "Life and Death" by Brother Higgins, who proved a great blessing on this subject.

At 8:30 a. m. Sunday we had reports of the Sunday Schools. There were forty-seven organized schools reported and six are to be organized. Higgins Land was the leading school in attendance, Evangelist Higgins, superintendent. The Sun-

day School offering taken that morning was \$3.49. The Sunday School dismissed, we had a song by the Kingston choir, divine healing, babies were blessed. Among the rest of the speakers were Elders C. A. Morris, C. T. Johnson, W. A. Shaw, C. A. McIntosh, Sister Larmin, Elder Larmin, and others.

We ask special prayer for these ministers who stand out for God's eternal truth. This is only a sketch of the convention. It was better felt than told. I covet your most earnest prayer.—A sister in Christ, S. C. Jones, Kingston, Jam., B. W. I.

**REQUESTS**

Dear saints, I have been sick for sometime. I had the flu in February and after a few days I got better and started out again. I gradually began to feel worse and in March I became very ill. My brother minister of Ada came and prayed for me and God wonderfully touched my body and removed all fever, but I am still sore and my lungs are full of pus. I am still weak and not able to be about. Please pray a special prayer for God to completely heal me as I want to get out in His service again.—Cecil A. Tomlinson, Ada, Okla.

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Please pray for my blind husband. He also desires victory as he has not spoken in tongues since he received the precious Holy Ghost. I praise the Lord for being with us when our eight children had measles. One of them went to death's door but God healed him. We think one of our boys has pneumonia. Please pray that God will heal him. Pray that He will open up the way for us to have a good strong church at this place and that I shall soon be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Eney R. Goodman, Rt. 1, Coffeeville, Ala.

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Please pray earnestly for my husband's healing. He has been sick for sometime and is trusting God for healing.—Mrs. M. P. Fowler, Canton, Ga.

**Jesus Spoke Peace to My Soul**

W. GASTONIA, N. C.—I praise the dear Lord this evening for a settled peace in my heart. I praise Him for the words, Whosoever will let him come and drink of the water of life freely. When I was lost and had become a very bad man to drink and do almost everything the devil had to offer, Jesus spoke peace to my soul, sanctifying me and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost.

We thank the Lord for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister A. O. Stewart. He held a revival before Christmas. A number were saved, sanctified

and filled with the Holy Ghost and seven were added to the church. We thank the Lord for the interest Brother Stewart is taking in the flock and the good soul food Jesus is giving us through His dear good servant. We are planning on a revival in the near future. Pray that God will bring more into the fold.—Roy Stewart, 104 S. Vance St.

**STATE CONVENTIONS**

Pacific Northwest Convention: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, (Walla Walla, Wash.)	March 26-28
California	April 2-4
Arizona	April 5-6
New Mexico	April 9-11
Colored General Assembly—April 12-18, Jacksonville, Fla.	
South Carolina	April 30-May 2
North Carolina (Charlotte)—May 12-15	
Alabama	May 6-9
Indiana (Shelburn)	May 20-23
Ohio	May 28-31
Florida (Wimauma) Camp Meeting June 3-13; Convention June 9-11.	
Tennessee	June 11-13
Virginia (during camp meeting)	June 16-17.
West Virginia	June 18-20
Michigan	June 25-27
Pennsylvania (Somerset)	July 1-4
Northwest (Minot), N. Dak., S. Dak., Wyo., Minn., Wis., Mont., Western Canada, camp meeting July 1-11; convention July 8-11.	
Oklahoma	July 9-11
Mississippi	July 16-18
Iowa and Nebraska	July 13-15
Kansas	July 16-18
Illinois	July 20-22
Maryland	July 23-25
Georgia (Macon)	July 27-29
Louisiana	July 30-Aug. 1
Texas (Weatherford)	Aug. 5-8
Arkansas	Aug. 13-15
Kentucky (Somerset)	Aug. 20-22
Missouri	Aug. 27-29
Maine (Appleton) New England States, New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass., R. I., and Conn.—Sept. 1-5.	
New York	Sept. 7-8
District of Columbia	Sept. 9

**Work Progressing at Baxley, Ga.**

BAXLEY, Ga.—I praise the dear Lord for full and free salvation. I am praising Him for the little work here at Baxley, Ga. Since our new pastor, Brother Floyd, has been here we have a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. The work here was almost dead last year, but praise the Lord, we are glad we can report that the Church of God in Baxley is not dead now. Pray for us here.—A brother in Christ, Delwin Cole.



## THE RESURRECTION

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ing the earthquake when the veil in the temple had rent. Men's hearts were beating fast and no doubt thousands realized the awful mistake the authorities had made in crucifying one so great. All over the hillsides outside the walls of Jerusalem, were the graves where the bodies of great prophets had been buried. Tombs were hurled from their places, rocks were shaken from the mountain-side, and marks of violence were seen in most every place from the shaking of the earth on the evening of the crucifixion. A black cloud had covered the sun, that brought darkness over the earth. The people had not forgotten that time and the great excitement and now the report goes out that He is risen from the dead. They could hardly believe it.

It is important for us to fix in our minds the fact that God had wrought all these things to make clear in the minds of the people for all generations to come that Jesus had risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept. It is said that the campers were a mile deep all around the walls of Jerusalem and of course everybody was excited and much was being said about the man who had been able to feed the multitudes, raise the dead, and open the eyes of the blind.

The first fact of the resurrection is the death of Christ. They pronounced that He was dead, took Him down, sealed Him in the tomb, and told the soldiers to guard the grave. It seems that God had arranged for the trial and crucifixion through the Jews' appeal to the Roman authorities. This was a matter of record that could not be denied. Then His resurrection witnessed by so many people, was unquestionable. The thousands who were there at the feast no doubt visited that empty tomb and heard the story of the risen Christ. The upheaval in the earth and the veil of the temple being rent all proved beyond all doubt that Christ had risen. Christ's death was not a private one. Neither was His resurrection done secretly but openly and announced by the angels.

The tomb could not hold our Christ. He had power to come forth. What a thrill of joy must have filled those followers of His as they looked into the empty tomb and then turned to the hillsides and saw the upheaval of the earth. It is said in Matt. 27:52, 53, that the graves were opened and the bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of the graves at His resurrection, and went into the holy city and appeared unto many. What a great time of rejoicing this must have been for that great company of believers who greeted their loved ones again. The great fact of the resur-

rection should fill us with gladness for some day we will meet our loved ones again and all sorrow and trouble in this world will be over and we will go to live with Him forever. It is glorious to see the people in their new Easter dress and the flowers and greetings that come to loved ones from friends. All this is in token of the fact that He has risen. He has become our joy and our peace and is the hope of our eternal life. Those who have been born again have felt His power and this is proof that He arose from the dead.

As we keep this Easter day in remembrance of our risen Lord, may the glory and praise of Him who gave Himself for a lost world thrill every heart and keep us by His mighty power.

## News From the Mission Field

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the greatest fields for mission work in this land is in the villages, and among the large Bedouin tribes. It is into this field that I am now entering. I am taking a young native Christian man with me and by foot and on camels we will endeavor to reach these untouched tribes with the gospel, preaching and distributing Bibles among them.

### BROADCASTING THE GOSPEL IN JERUSALEM

It is not without praise to God that I here mention the experience and contacts which have been mine because of my music. I often have opportunity to witness for Christ in playing and singing gospel songs among both the Jews and the Arabs. Playing my instrument has given me splendid opportunity to enter doors which otherwise would have been closed.

Truly, I am most thankful for the privilege I have had to play gospel songs over the Jerusalem Broadcasting Station. By the goodness of God, I was given favor with broadcasting officials, and am among the first to broadcast religious songs in Palestine. I was granted the privilege of broadcasting on the evening of the Jewish Sabbath. I cannot express my thanksgiving to God for this marvelous opportunity. To be able to broadcast gospel songs for the glory of Christ in this land has indeed filled my soul with the greatest of joy and praise to God. I count this one of the greatest missionary experiences and victories of my whole life.

Indeed, missionary work in this country is full of challenge and interesting experiences. Time will not permit me to speak of all the many interesting things about my work and about the country itself. The task of missionary work appears just as difficult and black as I had thought for, but I am thankful that there is ever with me the same conviction that

"love will win and truth will triumph ultimately." The great need of this field is more challenging than I had dared to imagine. I have already seen the possibility of great persecution and suffering but I have no fear of these; I fear only one thing, and that is that the tempter may keep me from paying the price necessary to become the missionary this corner of God's vineyard needs.

Notwithstanding all the persecution, suffering and cost, I am praising God daily that I have been counted worthy to become the missionary and representative of The Church of God in this land. I feel that the Church is now entering upon a strategic missionary opportunity to win many in Israel to Christ. Therefore, I trust there will be a chain of prayers reaching the throne of God daily for this needy field of lost souls.

While living among these children of Israel daily, walking in the footsteps of Christ in the garden, and while looking over this city as He did from the Mount of Olives, there is ever with me this glorious thought: "God forgetteth not His own." Even if Israel has forgotten and turned away from God, He cannot forget her, for He has need of her for His designs of love. High in His heaven, amid those worlds which obey Him, He follows with a pitiful eye every step of this ungrateful people which turns from Him. He beholds her tired, wandering in the wideness of the world, and dashing her wounded feet against all the stones of the road. He beholds her turning her head backwards toward the paternal roof. He awaits her as the father awaited the prodigal son, ready to stretch out His arms to welcome her returning to Him.

*Go, then and bend your knee to pray  
For Israel's ancient race;  
Ask the dear Savior every day  
To call them by His grace;  
Go, for a debt of love is due  
From the Christian Gentile to the Jew.*

## God Has Been Merciful to Us

BESSEMER, Ala.—I praise God for His healing and saving power. He has healed me so many times in our home. Space wouldn't permit me to tell of the many times. I just praise God for the way He healed mother's body last night. She had a bad spell of asthma. God surely hears and answers prayer. Praise His sweet name!

God has been so merciful to our home. There are six of us at home and we all have the full blessing and belong to the Church of God, Glory! My sister and her husband belong to the Church of God and she has the Holy Ghost. Pray that her husband will receive the Holy Ghost. He is seeking.—Virginia Crumpton, Rt. 5, Box 31-B.

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